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1. MEYNELL, EC COMMISSION DIRECTOR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANTI-DUMPING AFFAIRS, STATED THAT THE EC BELIEVES THAT THE ONLY FEASIBLE DATE FOR CONVENING THE ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE IS THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 20. SINCE MEYNELL BELIEVES THAT THE SESSION WILL BE RELATIVELY SHORT, HIS SUGGESTION IS THAT THE COMMITTEE CONVENE ON OCTOBER 21. MEYNELL ALSO STATED THAT THERE WAS NOW NO COMMISSION INTENTION TO LABEL THE SESSION AS ANY SORT OF "EXTRAORDINARY" ONE, THOUGH THERE HAD BEEN AN EFFORT IN THE COMMISSION TO SUGGEST SUMMONING A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE COMMITTEE. WHAT HAD BEEN AGREED, AND WHAT MEYNELL HOPED THAT LUYTEN WOULD BE REQUESTING AT THE GATT COUNCIL, WAS THAT THE ANTI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DUMPING COMMITTEE, WHICH NORMALLY MEETS IN OCTOBER, WOULD NOT

DELAY HOLDING ITS ANNUAL SESSION BUT WOULD MEET SOON. MEYNELL SAID THE COMMISSION WAS INTERESTED IN AVOIDING ANY DEBATE ON PROCEDURES SINCE THERE WAS ENOUGH TO DEBATE ON SUBSTANCE.

2. MEYNELL STATED THAT IN THE COURSE OF THE ANTI-DUMPING COMMITTEE THE COMMUNITY WOULD OUTLINE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE ANY DIVERGENCE BETWEEN THE US PRACTICE IN THE AUTOMOBILE CASE AND THE PROVISIONS OF THE ANTI-DUMPING CODE (HE RECOGNIZED THAT THE QUESTION OF WHETHER AN "INDUSTRY" HAD PETITIONED THE US GOVERNMENT WAS ONLY A "FORMAL" POINT BUT IT WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED). HE SAID THAT THE COMMISSION WOULD MAKE AS MANY POINTS AS IT COULD. "THIS IS A PLAY THAT MUST BE CARRIED OUT." HOWEVER, HE EXPRESSED A STRONG HOPE THAT TREASURY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY SUCHMAN WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE MEETING SINCE THE MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF THE MEETING WAS NOT THE PUBLIC STATEMENTS BEFORE THE COMMITTEE BUT THE PRIVATE SESSIONS THAT COULD TAKE PLACE IN THE CORRIDORS IN ORDER TO SEE WHAT COULD BE DONE IN A SITUATION WHICH MEYNELL BELIEVED TO BE A VERY DIFFICULT ONE. GREENWALD

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